

## John T. Wortham Shows

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif., Feb. 8.—At this writing everything is in readiness, with the exception of a few touches here and there, for the 1930 premiere of the John T. Wortham Shows, at the 20th National Orange Show here, February 13-23. This year will find John T. Wortham going out with the largest show of his career. Behind his big triple span illuminated arch will be formed a wonderful list of attractions.

The midway is laid out in a giant horseshoe style, with the rides double file thru the center. Six poles, 30 feet high, and placed thru the center several paces apart, pick up the many streamers of pennants of the main entrance arch, making the entire midway a riot of color. Following is a list of the shows, leading off from the right-hand side, around the joy plaza: Danville's Glass House, Lew Dufour Unborn Show, Ted Metz's Coney Island Side Show, Danville's 150-foot Wax Show, Seals and Mitchell's Darktown Follies, Prison Expose, Wortham's Freak Animal Show, Kanthe's Athletic Stadium, Briney's Monkey Circus, Danville's No. 2 Pit Show, Alligator Farm, Doc Turner's Pit Show, Giant Shark Fish, Sheep-Headed Girl, Mammoth Sea Elephant (alive), Motordrome, Plapper's Hotel, Duke Kamakule's Royal Hawaiians, Whoopee Fun Show, Ossified Boy, Nogle's Automat Circus, Miller's Mechanical Battlefield, Fowler's 60-Ton Whale and several small platform shows booked just for the Orange Show. The riding devices are: Merry-Go-Round, Double Ferris Wheel, Leaping Lena, Waltzer, Heyday, Lindy Loop, Caterpillar, Jumps, the Airport, Mixup and the kiddie miniature devices.

Executives of the National Orange Show announce a greater advance sale of tickets than in previous years. Last year over 250,000 attended.

News around winter quarters: Rufus Lashley and wife, Nellie, arrived from Kansas, Rufus to act as head porter and Nellie to take charge of Mrs. Wortham's private car. Solly Wasserman has been engaged by Mrs. Glen Jones as her manager for the coming season. Charles Walpert, Joe Steinberg and Joe Brawley, from Los Angeles, visited recently, also Mr. and Mrs. Archy Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hancock. A large delegation from the Pacific Coast Showmen's Club will arrive February 15 to visit the Orange Show and attend the annual dinner sponsored by John T. Wortham in their honor. Clyde Holdbrook will manage the dining car this year. "Judge" Knox wants his friends to know that he has had a "fair winter". John Hanley will manage the Erle Diggers, Tom Owens will handle Mrs. Wortham's concessions, "Blackey" Riley, trainmaster, has the train all in shape.

ROY E. LUDINGTON.

## C. A. Wortham Shows

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill.—With the breaking of the recent severe cold weather, work at winter quarters of the C. A. Wortham Shows has shown a slight increase. L. McFarland, master builder, has completed the first of the new wagons for the Leaping Lena ride, and it's a dandy. Work on the other wagons is progressing nicely, as is miscellaneous repair work under McFarland's direction. The draft stock and freak animal stock, under the care of Milo Jones, is looking fine.

H. (Arky) Bradford, who will be the trainmaster this season, has started dismantling some of the old flats, which have been replaced with 70-foot steel flats, and will redeck the cars that are to be used this year. General Agent L. S. Hogan arrived at quarters after a satisfactory trip thru Northern territory. Larry informs that he has about wound up his "little ball of yarn" and thinks he has a wonderful route contracted. Mike Clark, one of the genial owners of the Brundage Shows, was a visitor at winter quarters. Mike does not get around very often, but all enjoy his visits when he does so. Contracts from "Cecil, the Turtle Boy", have been received and he will be in the lineup of attractions again this season. Postcards radiating sunshine and oranges have been received at winter quarters from Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kenyon, who are wintering at Los Angeles. The Kenyons will have charge of the show's cookhouse again, making their sixth year with the organization. Mrs. Beckmann has received many letters of condolence on the death of her little dog, "Pork Chops". Contracts have been received from R. H. DuBois, electrician, who is spending the

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THE READING FAIR, Reading, Pa.  
BIG ROANOKE FAIR, Roanoke, Va.  
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We will positively have two more Fairs and one bona-fide Hundredth Anniversary Celebration. Our season of still dates will be in chosen territory. Several towns we will be the first in many years.

**SHOWMEN** — We can place but one more worth-while and novel Bally Show and another Grind Show of real merit.

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## LAST CALL---McCLELLAN SHOWS---LAST CALL

SHOW OPENS IN CENTRAL CITY PARK, MACON, GA., MARCH 15

WANT Ride Help, Showman that can put on something that will get money. We have the equipment. Concessions that work for stock. We have seven Rides, ten Shows, all owned by management. X sold on Rats and Corn Game. SID AND JAMES CHAYANNE want for Ten-in-One Freaks and Working Acts. Freak must be strong enough to feature. Glass Blower who works. Magician who can handle inside and Lecture, Fire Eater who does one or more acts. Alligator John, Tattoo Van, Babe La Barie, write.

J. T. McCLELLAN, Central City Hotel, Macon, Ga.

winter at his home in Houston, Tex., which assures that the watts and amps will be properly looked after during the coming season.

EDGAR T. NEVILLE.

## Strayer Amusement Co.

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—Having arrived back at winter quarters the writer found everything and everyone with the Strayer Amusement Company working overtime. The Merry-Go-Round and Tilt-a-Whirl have been turned out of the shop, and Roy Lee, scenic artist, has done a wonderful job of decorating. The workshop is in charge of "Happy" Hamilton with a crew of 10 men.

The "Pinochle Club" meets every afternoon at the office and there are some hot sessions. J. R. Strayer and Johnny Bullock were the champions until Nick Marcelle arrived and started teaching them the rudiments of the game, and now they know they have met their master. Marcelle signed for the season to furnish three free acts and has started to overhaul his paraphernalia.

After a year of experimenting with the pay gate idea Manager Strayer is fully convinced that he will never be without the gate in the future and is building a new arch.

The writer was a guest at the Strayer apartment for a 6 o'clock dinner one night recently and can truly say that Mrs. Strayer is quite a charming hostess. The Strayer show will carry 7 rides, 12 shows and 20 or more concessions, along with 6 free acts, and will open March 25 in Memphis.

W. R. FOSTER.

## Leo &amp; Bill's United Shows

DETROIT, Feb. 8.—Leo & Bill's United Shows, formerly the Michigan United Shows, is being routed for the coming season. W. R. (Red) Hicks, legal adjuster, is attending fair meetings in the South at this writing and reports success. Manager Leo Powers will leave for

Kentucky the last of this month to complete all plans for the opening engagement. William H. Torbett, business manager, who formerly had the Legion Greater Shows, of Knoxville, Tenn., and combined his interests with this company, has the Billboard Poolroom in Knoxville and advises that he is getting his share of business from the folks coming northward from the South. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Taverna write from St. Petersburg, Fla., that they will be back with the show, with their fishpond and blanket wheel, in time for the opening. H. D. Brooks will again be with the show with five concessions. H. E. Huntington, ride superintendent, now at Blackwell, Okla., says he will be all set for the start of the new season. Mrs. Nettie Fleming has also booked her Snake Illusion Show, this giving the organization 10 shows. Lawrence Smith, the last several seasons with the Weaver Attractions, sold his Chairplane and is booking his two ball games and later will add his long-range gallery. All of which is according to an executive of the above shows.

## Lippa Amusement Co.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 8.—An executive of the Lippa Amusement Company advises as follows: George W. Johnston will make a trip to Chicago soon to look after some business for this organization and then will head for winter quarters with a crew of men to get things in line for the opening, while Leo Lippa is on a booking trip to get some fall dates for this organization. D. O. Holt has taken over the Merry-Go-Round, Chairplane and all the electric work for this company. Lippa has refused to play a fair where the fair will not play on the percentage basis. Mrs. Lippa is on a visit to Gladstone, Mich. L. V. Herzog writes from Muskegon, Mich., that he is ready for the opening. He is putting the crackerjack stand, high striker and the shooting gallery in first-class condition.

## William Glick Shows

BALTIMORE, Md. — The writer has been kept very busy with office duties for the William Glick Shows, Inc., the last two weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Turnquist were visitors to quarters one day on their way to New York, where they went to look over new canvas and equipment for their Monkey Circus, which Turnquist is building and which will be presented along with his Arcade and Glass House in the lineup of attractions. Blueprints have been received from architects for the three big wagon carved fronts. Actual construction on these has been started and when completed they will be really beautiful to behold. A color scheme of an unusual type and special lighting arrangements will be used.

General Representative Cracraft has been in Baltimore several days for a consultation with General Manager Glick relative to the spring route, and the outlook of same is very promising. Arch E. Clair, treasurer, who has been sojourning at Portsmouth, Va., left for a trip to Atlanta, Ga., prior to assuming his duties for the season. Herbert A. Tisdale, assistant manager, will leave Richmond to attend the Pennsylvania meeting at Philadelphia, and as soon as that meeting is over will be on the job here at quarters. Manager Glick is a busy man these days, here and there and everywhere, whipping things into shape. He has undertaken a herculean task of building and organizing a show which will be a 25-car outfit in the short period of time from the first of January until the opening of the season the latter part of April. But he has gone about it with businesslike methods and tact and he has awarded contracts to firms capable of turning out equipment and parts in large quantities and in record time, sparing no expense to have his show complete and ready for the spring opening. A special line of paper will be used, designs for which are now being drafted by the Donaldson Lithograph Company.

F. PERCY MORENCY.

## World Bros.' Shows

MIFFLIN, Pa.—Arrangements were recently completed by W. E. LaSalle, manager World Bros.' Shows, and Edw. Nugent, of Huntingdon, Pa., whereby Nugent will place his two elaborate platform shows with the World organization. Both of these attractions are built on motor trucks, handsomely painted and decorated, each with 70 varicolored lights. On one platform he will exhibit his "Man of Mystery" and on the other his attraction "Baby Edna". Nugent's son, Charles, will be electrician on the show this year. They also expect to place some concessions. Ted K. Williams expects to leave Tampa, Fla., the middle of March and will be on hand in plenty of time for the opening at Middletown, Pa. Ted will handle the front of the Five-in-One.

As all equipment is practically new for the coming tour, there remains very little work to do inside. The uncompleted points will be finished as soon as the show moves on the lot. Recent office callers were H. M. Milliken, S. L. Baltzer, J. H. Diven and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Broadway. All expressed their desire for an "early spring". Altho all manual labor is done, the office burdens of the writer are not lessened to any great extent. And business and plans go rapidly on.

A. J. (WHITEY) CHAPMAN.

## C. E. Pearson Shows

RAMSEY, Ill.—Work has started at the winter quarters of the C. E. Pearson Shows here, not with any big rush or with a big force of workmen, but the preliminary work—starting of a general overhauling of all power units for the rides and all electric motors, etc. The show will go out this year somewhat enlarged, with nearly all new khaki show tents, and the addition of a new calliope for advertising. Four rides will be carried, namely, nearly new three-abreast Carousel, Ell Wheel, Big Glider and a Tilt-a-Whirl purchased new last fall. There will be eight shows carried. No kiddie rides will be carried this season, but the management may add one big ride for the starting of the fair season. This will make the 12th season for the shows. The opening will take place April 23 in Central Illinois and the tour will cover about the same territory as heretofore. All of which is according to an executive of the above shows.